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In re application of:

AKIRA KOMORIYA and BEVERLY S. PACKARD

Application No.: 09/747,287

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HOMO-DOUBLY LABELED For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR THE DETECTION** OF ENZYME ACTIVITY IN BIOLOGICAL **SAMPLES**

Examiner: Chih-Min Kam

Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- A petition to extend the period of response for three months; 1)
- A sequence listing paper copy and computer readable form (CRF); 2)
- A substitute oath/declaration; 3)
- A Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132; and 4)
- Exhibit A: Komoriya et al. (2000) J. Exp. Med., 191(11): 1819-1828. 5) Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.